MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we’ve pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started. As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using My Program Plan found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans.

Programs of Study (POST)

- Specialist Program ERSPE0137 Economics (Commerce)
- Specialist Program ERSPE1478 Economics (Arts, B.Com.)
- Major Program ERMAJ1478 Economics (Arts, B.Com.)
- Minor Program ERMIN1478 Economics (Arts, B.Com.)

Check out...

What caused the recent financial crisis? Find out in ECO352H5. How does economics relate to education? Enrol in ECO411H5 to learn about the interaction of human capital with growth and inequality.

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

Careers for Graduates: Accountant; Actuary; Insurance claims adjuster; Commodity analyst/trader; Compensation/benefits coordinator; Credit analyst; Insurance agent/broker; Buyer; Stockbroker; Underwriter; International trade specialist; Population studies analyst; Tax economist; Loan administrator; Financial analyst; Investment counsellor.

Workplaces: Analysis/forecasting firms; Banks and financial institutions; Government; Insurance companies; Manufacturing firms; Statistical research firms; Stock exchanges; Accounting firms.
**ECONOMICS (COMMERCE)**

**SPECIALIST Program Plan**

**1ST YEAR**
- **Enrol in courses** ECO100Y5; MAT139Y5/134Y5/135Y5/137Y5; MGT20H5 and MGMT100H5. Check out the Management Department’s First-Year Success Guide.
- Choose a program of study (Subject POSI) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer Planner and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.
- Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Office of Student Transition. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.

**2ND YEAR**
- In second year and higher, attain 5.0 credits in Management, 6.0 credits in Economics and 1.0 credits for the Writing Requirement. View the Academic Calendar for course options.
- Consider applying for the Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses MGT299YS, MGMT399YS and ECO399YS. Visit the EEO website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s P.A.R.T. to enhance your research skills.

**3RD YEAR**
- Ensure you are enrolling in courses that fulfill the program requirements of your degree. View the Academic Calendar for course options.
- Throughout your undergraduate degree:
  - use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
  - see the Office of the Registrar and the Economics Academic Counsellor.

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**
- Consider a practical work-based experience through ECO400Y5 (Economics Internship). Visit the Economics Department’s Experiential Education webpage for details.
- Log on to ACORN and request graduation.

**BUILD SKILLS**
- Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.
- Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.

**BUILD A NETWORK**
- Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC) and the Undergraduate Commerce Society (UCS).
- Take part in the Professional Skills Development Program (PSDP). Check out the PSDP Events Calendar to stay up-to-date on Management events.

**BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET**
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**PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE**
- Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.
- Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options. Attend the Management Department’s Associate Yourself Fair.

**HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN**

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you. Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans to create your own plan using My Program Plan. Update your plan yearly.

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*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

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Skills developed in Economics (Commerce)

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills.

Communication: explain complex concepts and theories to others.

Information gathering: analyze the multiple dimensions of a problem and select what is important and understand the impact of factors influencing economic growth.

Critical thinking & problem-solving: analyze problems and organize ways of thinking about problems to strategize options.

Research & statistics: gather economic data relevant to a research problem; employ data analysis research techniques such as statistical analysis and modeling; and strong background in economic theory and econometrics.

Services that support you

- AccessAbility Resource Centre (AARC)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Experiential Education Office (EEO)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- International Education Centre (IEC)
- Office of Student Transition (OST)
- Office of the Registrar (OR)
- Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)
- Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)
- UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)

Get involved

Check out student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)
- Undergraduate Commerce Society (UCS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs.

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FUTURE STUDENTS

Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The Grade 12 prerequisites for this program are Advanced Functions and Calculus. The approximate average required for admission is mid-80s. More information is available at utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Commerce admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Sneak Peek


Economics is one of the most popular disciplines among students at UTM. Nearly 50 per cent of all incoming students at UTM take at least one course in economics during their undergraduate studies.

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